

# Northeastern Zone a Gold Mine For 15 Lucky Hunters

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This year 15 extremely lucky hunters were drawn for the first ever Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt. Five hunters were drawn for the archery only season and the remaining 10 hunters were selected for the general season. The hunt area was very large and encompassed much of northeastern California. Most of the new zone had never been opened to elk hunting, and

recent DFG studies confirmed the presence of several healthy herds of elk within the zone.

The DFG surveyed the elk hunters after the season in order to evaluate their experiences. The success of these two hunts was high—nine out of 10 rifle hunters tagged an animal, and two of the five archery hunters were also successful. Nearly all of the hunters reported having a favorable experience and were thankful for the opportunity to hunt elk in California.



*Rob Plath took this Rocky Mountain elk bull in the rifle portion of the new Northeastern California elk hunt zone.*